



Extreme Weather Policy

PURPOSE

To ensure that Maldon Primary School has procedures in place to protect children during periods of extreme weather including high winds, high temperatures, poor air quality and electrical storms.

POLICY

- In the event of extreme weather or poor air quality children will have restricted or no access to outdoor areas if conditions are deemed unsafe.
- An extreme weather timetable will be called by the Principal or nominated staff member. The decision will be based on current weather conditions and information from the Bureau of Meteorology <http://www.bom.gov.au/>. If weather conditions change the decision can be reversed and staff and students will be informed of the change.
- An extreme weather timetable may include no outdoor play, shortening of outdoor play, limiting outdoor play to shaded/undercover areas and limiting outdoor play to areas without trees.
- If the temperature is 38 degrees Celsius or above on the Bureau of Meteorology website, an extreme weather timetable will be called and children will not be permitted to play outside.
- In instances where outdoor play is optional, staff will be rostered on to supervise both indoor and outdoor spaces. Supervision will be shared equitably amongst staff.
- In the event of extremely inclement or dangerous weather conditions such as electrical storms, children will not be dismissed at 3.15pm but will instead be supervised indoors until conditions improve. Parents will be advised of this decision via a uEducateUs message as soon as the situation becomes apparent. Parents wanting to have their child leave the school at 3.15pm in the above weather conditions will need to come into the building to collect their child/children.
- In the event of extremely inclement or dangerous weather conditions children will not be put onto buses, even if the bus route has not been cancelled. Parents will be contacted and the children will remain at school under supervision until they are able to be collected.

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated in August 2020 and is scheduled for review in August 2024.